



## Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities (MCPD) Regular Meeting Minutes August 09, 2019

Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES (09 Aug 2019)

The City of Austin, Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities convened in a regular meeting on Aug 09, 2019 at the Board and Commission Room #1100 located inside City Hall at 301 W 2<sup>nd</sup> St in Austin, Texas.

**CALL TO ORDER:** With quorum present, Chair Jonathan Franks called the August 09, 2019 meeting of the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities to order at 5:00 p.m.

**Committee Members in Attendance:** Chair Jonathan Franks, Vice-Chair Rachel Gandy and Commissioners: Joey Gidseg, Diane Kearns-Osterweil, Robin Orlowski, Danny Saenz, Emily Shryock, Deborah Trejo. Committee Members Absent: Commissioner Taurean Burt

**Staff in Attendance:** David Ondich, ADA Program Administrator

### 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice-Chair Rachael Gandy made a motion to approve the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities July 12, 2019 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Deborah Trejo. The Minutes were approved unanimously.

### 2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: citizen communications took place during the August 09, 2019 MCPD Regular Meeting.

- 2A. Evan Slidell citizen advocating for people with disabilities in Austin. Concerns regarding lane camping ordinance for the homeless blocking sidewalk access, would like city to take action. To view citizen's communication in its entirety and commissioner's comments please visit: <http://austintx.swagit.com/play/08092019-686> and view item 2
- 2B. Heather Slidell, citizen with disabilities advocating for sidewalk access in South Austin and entertainment district. Also concerned with lane camping ordinance due to safety and access. Also concerned with access to transportation, to view citizen's communication in its entirety and commissioner's comments please visit: <http://austintx.swagit.com/play/08092019-686> and view item 2

**Chair Franks:** moved items 5A and then 5B to the front of the agenda after citizen's communication. To allow City Staff to provide their briefings and presentations, that were scheduled on the agenda. Chair Franks also moved item 3D to the front of new business.

### 3. NEW BUSINESS:

- 3A. Discussion and possible action: Regarding Austin businesses failing to provide shopping assistance to customers with disabilities. Consider recommendation of an ordinance – Chair Franks and Full Committee. The Chair will invite persons who experienced discrimination to next meeting to provide testimony. To view the commissioners' discussion in its entirety, please visit: <http://austintx.swagit.com/play/08092019-686> and view item 3A
- 3B. Discussion of Employment Awards update – Vice-Chair Gandy and Full Committee. The Awards working group will meet to discuss next steps. To view Vice Chair Gandy's comments in their entirety visit: <http://austintx.swagit.com/play/08092019-686> and view item 3B.

3C. Update on COA 2020 budget recommendations – Vice-Chair Gandy, and Full Committee. Four of the six budget recommendations made by the Committee were included in the budget. To view Vice Chair Gandy's comments in their entirety, please visit:

<http://austintx.swagit.com/play/08092019-686> and view item 3C.

3D. Presentation: How AIRA can be used as a tool for blind and visually impaired travelers at municipal airports by Vince Morvillo from AIRA – To view the presentation in full and Commissioners' comments and questions, please visit:

<http://austintx.swagit.com/play/08092019-686> and view item 3D.

#### **4. COMMISSIONER BRIEFING**

Report on meetings/activities of the Joint Inclusion Committee – Commissioner Orlowski: Commissioner Orlowski. Due to time Chair Franks asked Commissioner Orlowski to send the report to David so he can forward it to the committee.

#### **5. STAFF BRIEFING**

5A. How enforcement efforts have changed related to Homeless Ordinance by Assistant Chief Justin Newsom Austin Police Department (APD). To view the Asst. Chief's presentation in its entirety, and commissioners' comments and questions please visit:

<http://austintx.swagit.com/play/08092019-686> and view item 5A

5B. Discussion of Homeless Ordinance by Kristi Samilpa, City of Austin Homeless Strategy Office. To view the Homeless Strategy presentation in its entirety, and commissioners' comments and questions please visit: <http://austintx.swagit.com/play/08092019-686> and view item 5B.

5C. Report on the City of Austin ADA Program Office by David Ondich, ADA Program Administrator. To view the report from the ADA Program Administrator in its entirety please visit: <http://austintx.swagit.com/play/08092019-686> and view item 5C.

**6. Commissioner Announcements** There was one announcement at the August 09, 2019 MCPD Regular Meeting. Chair Franks announced that the Thinkery (Austin Children's Museum) would be updating Braille signage for bathrooms to reflect inclusivity.

#### **7. Future Agenda Items**

7A. Request to form a workgroup to discuss definitions of City Strategic Plan Glossary, Commissioner Robin Orlowski and Full Committee;

7B. Discussion on Scooters and mobility with Austin Transportation Department

7C. Mental Health and Policing Commissioners: Robin Orlowski and Joey Gidseg, Full Committee

To view the Commissioners' discussion and comments in their entirety please visit:

<http://austintx.swagit.com/play/08092019-686> and view item 6 & 8.

#### **8. Adjournment**

A motion was made by Vice Chair Rachael Gandy to adjourn the August 09, 2019 meeting of the MCPD. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Diane Kearns-Osterweil. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Jonathan Franks adjourned the meeting at 7:00p.m.